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Protest on 'Lily-White' Delegations Rejected

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 13 Goldwater forces easily defeated a Maryland effort today challenging the seating of "lily-white" delegations from the South.

The motion by Maryland Chairman Newton I. Steers to change the temporary rules of the Republic National Convention was shouted down on a voice vote and showed the Goldwater forces clearly in control.

An angry argument broke out in the Maryland delegation when Goldwater partisans learned that Steers would present the resolution.

J. Fife Symington Jr., a Maryland Goldwater delegate, said Maryland had no business getting into the racial problems of other states.

At Lodge's Request

Steers presented the resolution at the request of former Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, one of the Scranton managers.

The sense of the resolution was that no delegation would be seated if there was evidence of discrimination in the process of selection.

some Southern States, there are two factions. One excludes Negroes and is known as lily-white, and the other represents both whites and Negroes.

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Specifically, the resolution was aimed at Tennessee, which for the first time in 50 years has no Negro delegate.

6-Time Delegate

George W. Lee, a delegate to six Republican conventions and a Negro conservative who seconded the nomination of Taft in 1952, has protested the loss of his seat. He contends he was ousted by Goldwater forces in the State.

Lodge has charged that the rules were changed only in Lee's district to prevent him from becoming a delegate.

Steers said he was not prejudging the Lee case but that the nondiscriminatory language should be written into the convention rules.

"The time to prevent discrimination is when it is threatened," he said.

He pointed out that Goldwater himself has said that discrimination is wrong.

Delegate Ben Webster Jr. of Iowa was booed when, in seconding the Steers motion, he spoke of "forces at work in this country to expel Negroes from our Party."

"Their goal," he declared, "is a lily-white party."

Sen. Carl T. Curtis of Nebraska, Goldwater's floor manager, received a standing ovation when he answered for the Goldwater camp. He urged defeat of the Steers motion and adoption of the 1960 convention rules as the temporary rules of the convention.

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Felt Gallery "Voted"

He said he thought the vote came from the gallery and not the floor.

Sen. John Tower of Texas, a Goldwater supporter, said the vote showed "the Goldwater forces are very much in charge here."

Earlier he has said there was no evidence at all of discrimination in the picking of delegates and that the Steers motion would open up a contest in every delegation.

Maryland's Symington has been at odds before with Steers. He protested the seating of Milton Eisenhower, who will nominate Scranton, and withdrew the protest only at the request of Goldwater.

He said today it was unfortunate that Steers introduced the rules change. It implied, he contended, that the Maryland delegation supported it when in fact the delegates were not polled.

Rep. Rogers Morton Endorses Goldwater

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13 (UPI)—Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton, who represents Maryland's racially troubled First Congressional District, endorsed Sen. Goldwater today.

Morton, a first-term Congressman who is up for reelection, said Goldwater "most nearly represents the consenus of Republican political philosophy" than any other candidate.

Morton's district includes Cambridge, the scene of two years of race disturbances.